

REMARKS

The Examiner subjected claims 1-23 to a restriction requirement. The Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a method of making an encapsulated microelectronic device, classified in class 438, subclass 127; and
- II. Claims 15-23, drawn to an epoxy with a catalyst compound, classified in class 528, subclass 1+.

The Examiner required Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §121 to restrict the application to one of the above inventions.

During a telephone conversation with Stephen De Klerk on March 18, 2005, a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-14.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crowley in view of Inagaki.

The Examiner indicated that claim 2, 5, 7, and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has included the limitations of claim 2 into claim 1. New independent claims 24, 25 and 26 are the same as claims 5, 7, and 8 written in independent form.

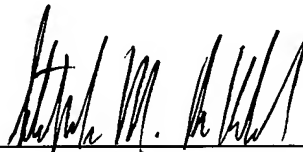
The Examiner's allowance of claims 12-14 is noted with appreciation.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP



Stephen M. De Klerk
Reg. No. 46,503

Date: June 27, 2005

Customer No. 008791
12400 Wilshire Boulevard
Seventh Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025-1030
(408) 720-8300